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EXDIS FOR AMBASSADOR GONZALEZ

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: BOLIVIA

1. WE HAVE REPEATED TO YOU STATE 191842 WHICH CONTAINS INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONSULTATIONS IN CARACAS, BOGOTA, MEXICO CITY, AND SAN JOSE ON THE BOLIVIAN SITUATION. AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT BOLIVIA NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF THE UNFORTUNATE EVENTS THERE, BUT BECAUSE OF THE EFFECT THEY MAY HAVE ON OTHER DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL PROCESSES, SUCH AS ON THE ONE IN ECUADOR.

2. WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO GET TO PRESIDENT POVEDA OUR VIEWS IN REFTEL. IF YOU HAVE A PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH HIM DURING PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS, THIS WOULD BE BEST TIME.
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IF NOT, WE LEAVE IT TO YOUR DISCRETION HOW YOU GET OUR VIEWS TO HIM QUICKLY.

3. YOU SHOULD IN ANY EVENT EXPRESS TO POVEDA DURING CREDENTIALS CEREMONY OUR SUPPORT FOR PROCESS OF DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT IN ECUADOR AND OUR ADMIRATION FOR THE WAY ECUADOR UNDER POVEDA'S LEADERSHIP HAS CONDUCTED

THIS EXEMPLARY PROCESS. THUS OUR VIEWS ON BOLIVIA SHOULD BE PRESENTED IN THIS CONTEXT. IN DISCUSSING PARA 1, REFTEL

PLEASE MAKE CLEAR THAT CONTINUANCE OF RELATIONS - WHICH IS OUR PRACTICE - DOES NOT IMPLY APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL AND THAT THE QUALITY OF OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH BOLIVIA WILL DEPEND UPON WHAT THEY DO. CERTAINLY, WHAT HAS HAPPENED MAY WELL INTRODUCE RETICENCE IN OUR RELATIONS WITH BOLIVIA, WHILE IN COUNTRIES LIKE THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND ECUADOR WHICH HAVE FIRMLY MOVED TOWARD OPEN, DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL PROCESSES WE WILL BE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO HELP.

4. AT YOUR DISCRETION AND THROUGH CUSTOMARY CHANNELS (BELOW YOUR LEVEL) YOU MAY WISH TO COMMUNICATE OUR VIEWS AND POSITION ON BOLIVIAN DEVELOPMENTS TO JAIME ROLDOS. ROLDOS SHOULD KNOW THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING WE LEGITIMATELY CAN TO SUPPORT THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS IN ECUADOR AND THE REST OF THE HEMISPHERE.

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